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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval of Region 6 Labor and Travel Funding Projections for Implementation of the Tronox Settlement for FY2020

FROM: Chip Poalinelli, Tronox NAUM Coordinator, Region 9 *C.P.*
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TO: Will Duncan, Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9

THRU: Susan D. Webster, Branch Chief, Technical and Enforcement Branch, Region 6 *Susan Webster*

SSID Nos.: Region 9 Funding Account – A982 Tronox NAUM
Region 6 Receiving Account – A6KZ Tronox NAUM

I. Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to request and document approval to spend \$948,800 of the Tronox settlement funds (*In re: Tronox Incorporated, et al*, Case No. 09-10156 (Bankruptcy, S.D.N.Y) to support labor/travel (\$698,800) and logistics (\$250,000) on the Tronox Navajo Area Uranium Mines projects in USEPA Region 6 during fiscal year 2020.

II. Background

The Tronox Navajo Area Uranium Mines (Tronox NAUM) are located primarily in the Grants Mining District in New Mexico and in the Northern and Eastern Regions of the Navajo Nation. The proposed projects of completing removal site evaluations and draft EE/CAs for Tronox NAUMs were presented and approved at the June 2016 Tronox Joint Agency Meeting. U.S. EPA Region 6 will require \$948,800 in FY2020 salary, travel, and logistics to support completing these projects, as outlined in Table #1.

III. Salary and Travel Funding for FY2020

The projected salary, travel, and logistics funding for USEPA Region 6 (Table #1) is based on information currently available and the best estimates of the project team.

IV. Anticipated Costs and Accounting

Future costs presented in this "Annual Funding Planning Memo" are estimates. Region 9 and Region 6 will examine quarterly summaries of expenditures in order to further refine these estimates and determine whether supplemental funding will be needed for their efforts in FY2020. If additional funding is needed, the Tronox Coordinators will present a request for approval of supplemental funding, along with a justification and cost estimate.

V. Reprogramming of Tronox NAUM Section 18 Residential Removal Funding

\$50,000 was approved for the project during FY17 Funding. Approximately \$36,000 remains after completing the project. The remaining funding will be transferred to the Tronox NAUM Section 10 Mine Site to support completion of the draft EE/CA. Section 10 was originally part of the Tronox NAUM West GSA until field work determined waste was not commingled and justified Section 10 becoming a separate site. Historically, funding for the West GSA was used for Section 10 Mine Site.

VI. Approval for FY2020 Funding

The U.S. EPA Tronox NAUM Coordinators recommend the proposed FY2020 salary, travel, and logistics estimated funding of \$948,800 for the Tronox NAUM Special Account as presented in Table #1 of this memo.

Please indicate your approval or disapproval on the signature lines provided below. We look forward to responding to any questions or concerns.

APPROVED:



Will Duncan, Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9

01/08/2020

Date

NOT APPROVED:

Will Duncan, Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9

Date

Table 1

Region 6 FY19 Salary and Travel Projections

| Salary | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------|--|
| | | | FTE |
| | 303DD6 | \$281,250 | 2.5 |
| | 501EC7 | \$130,000 | 1 |
| | 303DD2 | \$168,750 | 1.5 |
| | TOTAL | \$580,000 | 5 |
| Travel - General | | | |
| | 303DD2 A6KZ | \$24,000 | \$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 4 People |
| | 501EC7 A6KZ | \$18,000 | \$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 3 People |
| | 303DD2 A6KZ | \$12,000 | \$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 2 People |
| | | | |
| | TOTAL | \$54,000 | |
| Travel – OSC | | | |
| | | \$64,800 | \$6,000\month x 9 months) x 20% equipment, etc |
| | TOTAL | \$64,800 | |
| Total Projected Salary and Travel: \$698,800 | | | |
| Total Projected Logistics: \$250,000 | | | |